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SUBJECT: US-MOROCCAN TAX TREATY

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1. PURSUANT TO REFTTEL, EMBOFF INQUIRED JULY 14 AT MFA ECON SECTION AS TO GOM ATTITUDE TOWARD SUBJECT TREATY. MFA OFFICIAL TOOK NOTE AND PROMISED SURVEY FINMIN AND OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES AND INFORM EMBASSY WHEN REPLY DEVELOPED. IT SEEMS TO US THAT ADEQUATE TIME FOR REPLY HAS ELAPSED AND FAILURE TO RESPOND REFLECTS GOM LACK OF INTEREST.

2. WE HAVE IN MEANTIME EXPLORED SUBJECT INTERNALLY AND COME UP WITH MIXED ASSESSMENT. ADMIN SECTION UNENTHUSIASTIC BECAUSE RABAT AMERICAN SCHOOL TEACHERS, MOSTLY AMERICANS, CURRENTLY ESCAPING ALL TAXES AND WITH TREATY WOULD BECOME SUBJECT TO TAXES, CREATING NEED FOR SUBSTANTIAL SALARY INCREASES, THUS IMPACTING SCHOOL AND EMBASSY BUDGET, AS WELL AS SETTING IN TRAIN OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS.

3. REACTION OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN ALSO AMBIGIOUS. OIL COMPANY REPS GENERALLY SUPPORT TREATY; MOST OTHERS INCLINED TO LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE.

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4. SUBJECT IS BEYOND MEMORY OF ANYONE CURRENTLY AT POST AND

COPIES APPARENTLY WEDED FROM FILES. WOULD APPRECIATE COPY
OF INITIALLED PROTOCOL FOR STUDY. WASHINGTON VIEWS ON
ADVANTAGES OF TREATY WOULD ALSO BE WELCOME, INCLUDING
AFFIRMATIVE AGRUMENTS, TO PERMIT FURTHER STUDY PRIOR TO OUR
MAKING SECOND APPROACH TO GOM AND FINAL RECOMMENDATION.NEUMANN

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